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Honorable Gordon H. Scherer
House of Representatives
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Scherer:

Thank you for your letter of 18 September 1955 with which you enclosed a letter to you from Thomas H. Eickhoff.

The questions which Mr. Eickhoff has raised in his letter to you are largely outside of the jurisdiction of this Agency. Section 102(d) of the National Security Act of 1947 provides that CIA shall have no police, subpoena, law-enforcement powers, or internal-security functions. Insofar as Mr. Eickhoff appears interested in pursuing the problem of mail fraud in connection with George Adamski's book entitled "Inside The Space Ships", it would appear to be a problem of law-enforcement, from which we are specifically barred by statute.

CIA, as a matter of policy, does not comment on the truth or falsity of material contained in books or other published statements, and therefore it is not in a position to comment on Mr. Adamski's book or the authenticity of the pictures which it contains.

The subject matter of Mr. Adamski's book would appear to be more in the jurisdiction of the Department of Defense and the National Science Foundation, and it may be that you would wish to refer some of these questions to them for consideration.

Mr. Eickhoff's letter is returned herewith for your files.

With kindest regards.

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Sincerely,

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Allen V. Dulles
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